

## 2000 Pot Creek Distribution Meeting

The meeting convened at 11:20 a.m. on January 25, 2000, and was conducted by John Larsen filling in for Lee Sim, of the Utah Division of Water Rights.

The following people were in attendance at the meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Michael L. McCarrell	Pot Creek Commissioner
John Larsen	Utah Division of Water Rights
David C. Barfuss	Utah Division of Water Rights
Bob Leake	Utah Division of Water Rights
Angela Caldwell	Utah Division of Water Rights
Paul McCoy	Utah Water User
Gale Rasmussen	Utah Water User
Levi Smuin	Colorado Water User
Dave Karren	Colorado Water User
Jack Leonard	Colorado Water Commissioner
Bob Plaska	Colorado Division of Water Rights
Walt Donaldson	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

John Larsen called the meeting to order and asked Angela Caldwell to read the minutes from the 1999 Annual Distribution Meeting. Levi Smuin made a motion that the minutes be approved as read and Dave Karren seconded the motion. Motion passed.

John presented the 1999 Financial Report. The balance to start 2000 is \$4,242.17 and there were no delinquent accounts. Total expenditures for 1999 were \$2,734.28. Levi Smuin asked what the equipment expense was for. Mike McCarrell said that he wanted to put flumes in, and was too busy to do it last year. He also stated that it shouldn't be nearly that much money, but wanted to be sure to have enough. He is thinking of a two-foot flume. Dave Karren moved that the Financial Report be approved as presented and Gale Rasmussen seconded it. Motion carried.

Mike McCarrell read his 1999 Commissioner's Report. Mike said that he had a wrong sentence about Crouse reading 88.5 on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. He asked that the sentence be disregarded. He also clarified that he used 1,600 acre-feet to fill all the reservoirs before they spilled. Bob Plaska asked if Mike informed the Colorado users of the early release. Mike said he had. Dave Karren made a motion to accept the Commissioner's Report as read. Paul McCoy seconded and motion passed.

Walt Donaldson asked if he could add to the minutes, the expenditures for repair work on the Lee Cabin Diversion. He said he would get the actual numbers. Dave Karren made the motion that it should be accepted and Walt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

John Larsen asked for nominees for the 2000 Commissioner. Paul McCoy nominated Mike McCarrell and Gale Rasmussen seconded it. Mike said that he would accept for this year, but wasn't sure about next year. Mike asked if the proposed bill passed that would give the River Commissioners a four-year term. John Larsen said he thought it was going to pass, but if it did, it wouldn't start until 2001. John then explained the four-year proposal. Paul McCoy made a motion to appoint Mike McCarrell as commissioner and Walt Donaldson seconded. Motion carried.

John Larsen then stated that the Commissioner's salary should be discussed. He said that last year's was \$1,550.00. John asked Mike what his feelings were regarding the salary. Mike said it would be fine to leave it where it was. Travel expenses were set at \$900.00. John mentioned that Mike had spent all but \$1.50 of that and asked if he was going to need more. Mike said it would be enough. John said that the committee expenditures were \$53.00 and asked what it was for. It was decided that it was for padlocks that Natalie Gale purchased for the headgates. Walt said that the locks were still there at the present time. Bob Leake said that he felt it should have come out of Equipment Expenses, rather than the Committee's. It was decided that it should have come out of the equipment budget. The budget will be the same for 2000 as it was for 1999. Reserve is 30% of that. Walt Donaldson made the motion to keep budget the same. Gale Rasmussen seconded it. Motion carried.

John Larsen advised the group that the present committee members include Max Rasmussen, Dave Karren and Walt Donaldson, and asked if they wanted them to remain the same. Paul McCoy made the motion to retain the present committee and Gale Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob Plaska said there weren't any concerns from last year. His concern for this year, however, is how some of the junior storage priorities are going to be filled. He is concerned that the direct flow rights have a priority and want to make sure those are satisfied before the junior rights. He thinks they need to be administered by the priority of their rights. Bob Leake said that Offield Reservoir has two storage priorities and the early one is associated with a low lake level. It will need to be determined whether the early storage is taken care of. Bob Plaska also reiterated his desire to take a trip up to the Pot Creek Drainage this year because he couldn't do it last year. John Larsen said that Lee Sim had also expressed a desire to attend. Bob Leake said to try for May and Mike said he didn't know if they could make it to Matt Warner that time of year. Bob Leake said for them to call and work it out.

John Larsen made the motion that the meeting be adjourned if there was no further business. Dave Karren seconded the motion and motion was passed. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.